

Hill's Creek Falls.

As soon as it was known that a select party of young people were going in a body to inspect the Hill's Creek Falls, the most wonderful natural curiosity of Pocahontas County, the editor of this paper immediately made most important inquiries as to what was seen of the falls, no one ever having attempted to write them up before, and by dint of much hard labor, and notes submitted by one of the survivors, he is able to give the public, at least an account of the expedition into the heart of the mountains, even the pen fails to give an adequate description of the manner in which the water falls over the rocks.

From memory's book we tear the following leaf. **SCENE:** Hillsboro, "loveliest village of the plain;" **TIME:** A. D. June 11, 1895, sun-up; **Dramatis Personae:** Harry Renick, Robert Walkup, Harry Tyree, Tom Pickering, Falling Springs; J. A. McLaughlin, J. W. Bever, Marlinton; R. M. Beard, Walter Clark, Earnest Harper, Frank Hill, Forest Hill, Norval Clark, Academy; and Misses Mary McNeel, Maggie McNeel; Alice Clark, Iate Clark, Lou Clark, Glenna Hill, Maud Eskridge, Jessie Ranick, Lucy Renick, Academy; and Miss May Johnson, of Appomattox C. H., Va.

The cavalcade moved off to view the cascade. All necessary equipments for a day's outing were on board. Westward ho! and the fine horses of the Levels district, and vehicles built for two, took the party rapidly along for ten miles. A doubtful character said the party made an imposing appearance, but no one knows whether he meant a compliment or not. Mr B. C. Hill joined the party on the road and acted as guide.

An hour's climb up the mountain on foot was made and the lower fall was reached. A precipice was to be ascended here, and the boys were stationed about three feet apart on the acclivity to lend a hand to one-another's girl, and the ladies were gotten up safely. When the last "I'm up safe!" was said, the party stood where they could see the greatest fall.

THE FALLS.

Hill's Creek is in southern Pocahontas, and is a stream some fifteen yards wide. It disappears at the foot of Droop Mountain and has an underground passage under this tremendous mountain for about four miles. When it emerges it is called Locust Creek and continues as Locust Creek for about two miles where it enters the Greenbrier River. The main fall is a clear drop of seventy feet, the water being transformed into spray before it reaches the bottom. About three hundred yards above is the second fall where the water has a drop of thirty-five feet. Two hundred yards beyond is a third fall which is forty feet.

On this particular day luncheon was made ready on a flat rock over which the water plunges in its seventy-foot fall. By a strange coincidence there were just as many girls as boys present, and each girl had gotten up a lunch for two, and so when the interests were pooled a sufficiency was at hand for even the appetite which mountaineering inspires, and that is saying a good-deal. So all "fall on and try the appetite to eat."

The journey was retraced to the town from which the start was made in the morning, youth, wit, health, and beauty, and of course the mountain scenery having gone to make up a "good time."

NOTE. It has been noticed that a visit to these falls inspires the tourist to "write up" the scene. The most matter-of-fact person has been affected by the "divine afflatus" and has felt the latent poetry and eloquence boil within him as they stood and saw the rushing waters. It has always been futile. The reader's blood does not course any swifter through his veins—he must see the falls to appreciate their beauty and realize their grandeur. When the writer describes this day's outing from hearsay he does not come a worse attempt to portray this bit of nature's handiwork than many who

have written of it with the memory of the sight fresh with them. He wishes further to acknowledge the receipt of photographs taken by the excellent landscape photographer, Mr J. W. Bever, who was one of the above party, and from which a mathematically correct view of the falls may be obtained. And further this deponent sayeth not!—Ed.

Some Family History.

July 27, 1894, was the last time the writer met the late John Sutton, Jr., whose painful death by cancerous affection, was mourned by a large circle of attached friends. Much of the morning was occupied in family reminiscences. His father John Sutton the senior, was a native of Westmoreland county, and hence was neighbor of the Washington family. His paternal home was on the Potomac not far from Mt. Vernon. For some years John Sutton, Senior was manager for Jacob Warwick, at the Dunmore farm late in the last century. Finally he bought land and settled where his son John Sutton, Jr., lived. Mrs. Sutton was Rachel Gillispie, daughter of Jacob Gillispie, who owned nearly all the land in sight of Green Bank looking north and east. Mrs. Jacob Gillispie, was Rebecca Berry, a half-sister of Mary Vance Warwick. The widow Berry having married Mr. Vance, who lived at Mt. Grove, Bath county, Va. Jacob Gillispie's family consisted of nine daughters and six sons, whose names and some particulars of their history may be communicated in some other issue of this journal, if nothing hinders.

John Sutton, Sen., paid a visit to his old home on the Potomac, where it is said to be twelve miles across. His friends seemed astonished when he told them he had seen the head spring, and drank of its water on Laurel Fork, near what is known as the Wilfong Settlement. On his way out, Gemima Gillispie, another of Jacob Gillispie's nine daughters, married Jas. Tallman, who came from Augusta county, and is the ancestor of the Pocahontas Tallmans. Mr. Tallman was married twice, his first wife being a Miss Crawford. Rachel Hull and Rebecca Slaven, wife of the late Reuben Slaven, of Highland, William Tallman, Boone Tallman, and Benjamin Tallman were her children.

The children of the second wife, Jemima Gillispie, were the late Mrs. Jane Arbogast, Mrs. Sallie Gum, and Samuel and James Tallman.

Jane became the wife of William Arbogast, Esq., who was a prominent citizen of his day. He was a successful merchant, a prosperous farmer, and represented his county in the Virginia Legislature. He lived where Dr. Moomau resides. Their children were Alcinda Moore, Mrs. Margaret Maupin, and Mrs. Dr. Moomau, William Franklin, James Crawford, Charles Tippet, and George Washington.

Mr. Arbogast died in February, 1847. Mrs. Arbogast survived him forty-seven years, and died a few months since, sincerely mourned by numerous friends.

Mrs. Arbogast was married at the age of sixteen years, and was about seventeen years older than her eldest daughter. Her sons Charles and Washington, died during the war. Washington died of wounds in 1862 leaving a wife and two little children.

Wm. Franklin died not long since. Much of her life was passed in official service.

James Crawford, a Major of the 31st Reg't., is now the Sheriff of Pocahontas County.

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